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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 279

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A RESOLUTION To recognize Lydia Lewis on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis is one such estimable person who has served with probity for thirteen years with the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis joined the Shady Valley Post Office on February 13, 1988, in a part-time capacity; when the postmaster retired, she assumed the duties of that position and performed them with acumen and alacrity until taking a well-deserved retirement on March 31; and

WHEREAS, During her term of service, the people of Shady Valley became accustomed to the highest standard of postal service; Mrs. Lewis' service was very much in line with the unofficial creed of the United States Postal Service: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis often went beyond the scope of her required duties in serving the citizens of Shady Valley; many times, she made personal deliveries after office hours so that the recipient would not have to wait for the next day's delivery; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, the Shady Valley Post Office became a hub of community life; if people wanted news of a birth or funeral or needed urgent assistance in any matter, they knew that they could count on the Postmaster to provide any assistance that she could; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Lewis has won the unbridled respect of her peers and postal customers alike; the residents of Shady Valley honored her with a plaque of appreciation, and fifteen postmasters attended a banquet to express their admiration of Mrs. Lewis' professionalism and unsurpassed quality of service; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis' departure from the Shady Valley Post Office leaves a void that will not easily be filled; however, the new postmaster's job will undoubtedly be made easier due to the good will that was nurtured by Mrs. Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Her professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Lewis is devoted to the highest ideals of family values; she shares much love and companionship with her husband, Ben, and she is a proud and caring mother; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Lydia Lewis our thanks for her honorable and astute service as Postmaster in Shady Valley and our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

